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Closing Plenary Report

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- Accomplishments
 - Developed review procedures
 - Updated Transportation fact sheets & products
 - Completed Local Notification Survey & White Paper
 - Drafted emergency public communication procedure; submitted to Protocols Writing Group
 - Others

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- “Sunsetting” Topic Group discussions resulted in identification of additional areas in which input from the Communications Topic Group would be useful

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- New Action Items:
 - Review upcoming National Safety Council brochure on Low Level Waste
 - Provide input on web site which describes transportation package engineering, testing and regulatory work, and relates it to an accident in the real world

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New Action Items (cont'd)

Risk Communication

- Snapshot” survey of Risk Communication:
 - Basic principles
 - Application
- Review successful and unsuccessful DOE transportation programs
 - Best practices
 - Lessons learned

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New Action Items (cont'd)

- Review comments/questions in past EISs
- Identify “hot button” issues
- Develop key positive messages
- Research, recommend ways to more clearly explain in understandable language transportation risk elements in EIS